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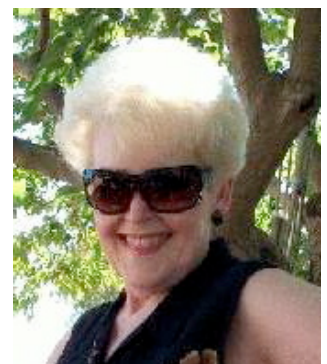
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Wayne, W6IRD
Director



Mel, K6SY
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Sharon, K6IRD

Our second female Black Badge. A good President and a good friend. Even a good DXer. Thanks for the memories.



Changing of the guard.
Sharon, K6IRD, goes out. Tom, N6OT, Comes iN.



THE PREZ SEZ

Hi DXers,

I want to start by thanking all members for their supporting me as President, I will do my best to fulfill all my duties and meet your expectations. I would like to give a special thanks to Sharon Spring, K6IRD, for all the help and encouragement this past year. A big thank you also goes to Dave Bell, W6AQ, past board member, for contributing so much to the DX club. Welcome to the new board members Wayne Spring, W6IRD and Arnie Shatz, N6HC who I know have always been there for the club and will be a great asset.

Now for some DX comments,

Hopefully you made contact with the TS7C, and the E44M. Conditions were not too good, but hopefully you made at least one contact. Our world traveling member, Bob Grimmick N6OX, was on this TS7C DXpedition and tried to work the West Coast, but propagation was very poor. I am sure he will have some stories when he gives his presentation on the DXpedition at an upcoming meeting.

There are some openings so don't give up. I myself made contact with two new countries on 80m this week.
Visalia is coming.....

Good DX and see you at the next meeting.

Tom Paquette, N6OT
President SCDXC

FROM THE VEEP



Congratulations to the outgoing officers from 2008 for a job well done. They did a magnificent job of guiding our club over the past year. Thank you to all the club members who supported my candidacy for Vice-President. I will try to meet, if not exceed, your expectations for the upcoming year. I look forward to working hand in glove with Tom Paquette who will set the agenda for the next twelve months. Leadership means advancing to the vanguard rather than lurking in the shadows. Don't be surprised if I call on each and every one of you at some time to seek counsel and/or to ask you to share your expertise for the good of the club.

Several members have already approached me with ideas for improving our club. With that goal in mind, I'd like to ask everyone to send me an e-mail (N6HC@aol.com) if you have a suggestion regarding changes that you'd like to see adopted by the Board of Directors. I will keep every e-mail confidential regarding the author; only the content of the communication will be divulged to the Board. If I don't hear from you, I'll assume that you are peachy keen about everything that the club presently does.

There has been an expression of concern regarding our stagnant membership numbers. I believe in quality of membership rather than quantity of membership. However, outreach should be attempted to bring new blood into the fold. Quality and content of our meeting speakers has also been an issue. If you find that the program agenda does not suit your needs, please let me know how I can better meet your desires for more germane DX topics; or, maybe you are willing to entertain a non-DX topic that is ham radio related? Some have expressed disappointment with the raffle prizes. Do you want fewer, more expensive prizes or lots of cheaper treasures to win? Another criticism was that we don't have a dinner meeting like some other organizations. Should the Board consider a change of venue to accommodate those who prefer dinner and a meeting versus only a meeting with a snack during the break? These are only a smattering of rumblings that I have already heard from our active members. There are other challenges expressed that I have not addressed in this column. I'm looking forward to meeting all of your concerns head on. Don't be shy! The program for our February 12th meeting will be presented by Marty Woll, N6VI, entitled "Being DX – Tales of a contest expeditioner". Please check out his informative web site at www.n6vi.com.

Marty Woll N6VI has been in Amateur Radio for over forty years and is a frequent speaker at radio clubs and conventions. A retired CPA with a major international accounting firm, he holds an Extra Class license and is a Life Member of the American Radio Relay League. Marty is in his second year as ARRL's Vice Director for the Southwestern Division, which includes Arizona and Southern California.

Marty's interests are quite varied. In addition to his Division duties, he is Assistant District Emergency Coordinator and Training Director of the ARES Northwest District of the Los Angeles Section, a Battalion Comm Unit Leader and instructor for the Los Angeles Fire Department's Auxiliary Communication Service, a licensing Volunteer Instructor and a Volunteer Examiner. He is a founding member of the Southern California Contest Club and has served as a member and chair of the ARRL's Contest Advisory Committee. He has been President of the Southern California DX Club and chair of the Los Angeles Area Council of Radio Clubs. A frequent participant in contest expeditions, Marty has set up and operated amateur radio stations on five continents.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in February at the meeting. If you have the time, join me at 5:30 – 6:00 PM at the Roll 'n Rye deli before our club meeting for a delightful dinner with other club members. If you need directions, drop me an e-mail (N6HC@aol.com) or call me on the landline (714) 573-2965.
73 de Arnie N6HC, Vice-President, Southern California DX Club

CQ Magazine

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 13, 2009
CQ to Accept eQSL Confirmations for Award Credit

(Hicksville, NY and Bedford, TX, January 13, 2009) - CQ magazine will accept contact confirmations made on the eQSL.cc electronic confirmation system for its operating awards effective immediately, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, and eQSL Founder and Webmaster Dave Morris, N5UP, announced today.

For more information on eQSL, visit <<http://www.eQSL.cc> <<http://www.eqsl.cc/>> >. For more information on CQ awards, visit the awards page on the CQ website at <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com> <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>> >. Please note that the award rules posted on the website have not yet been updated to reflect the acceptance of eQSLs. This will be done as soon as possible, but the policy takes effect immediately.

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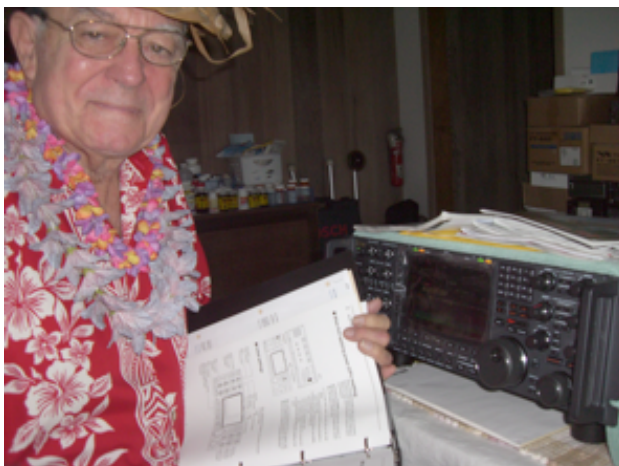
THE BLOOMIN' ZIPPER FLIPPER

By Dave Bell, W6AQ

All of us DXers know our phonetics, but we don't always use them, do we? One of the great characters on the ham bands rarely uses official phonetics. You've worked him, I'm sure. He's Lee, KH6BZF, the "Bloomin' Zipper Flipper." He lives in Kaneohe, Oahu, about 10 minutes from my daughter and son in law's home in Kailua. So, when I visit my daughter and her family, I often manage an eyeball with Lee, and it is always great fun.



Lee in his shack with his Icom 706 etc.



This is the classic shot of my friend Lee, with his woven hat and his Hawaiian shirt and his big smile. His shack is on a hillside, mountainside really, with clear shots to the north, south, and especially east, which accounts for his bodacious signal into California and all of the USA. You can see the Pacific Ocean from Lee's front yard.

Lest you think that the little 706 is his only rig, its replacement is in the living room.

When I visited him recently, Lee was poring over the instruction book of his new 7800

Lee and I both believe that looking over the instruction book on today's complicated, computerized equipment is probably an okay idea, even if few of us admit it. Lee has a couple of beefy friends who are going to come over one of these days, make room in the shack for the 7800, and muscle it into its final resting place. He's been doing a lot of listening on his new top of the line radio, and pronounces it a terrific receiver, which will even get rid of most of his now and then 20 over 9-line noise. Every time he gets ready to complain to Hawaiian Electric, the noise goes away. Temporarily.



This is Lee's QTH, with his two vertical antennas visible if you look closely and his power lines very visible in the foreground. This is a shot to the west, into the mountain. Honolulu is behind the mountain, but Lee works friends in Honolulu on HF no problem. Is this because of NVIS or what? Anyone?

Lee used to have a Yagi on the east side of his house, but it blew down three years ago with the elements coming through the living room roof. This is Hawaii after all, and there's not a lot of solid material on the roofs. It crashed down after having been up for ages. Lee has a line on a W-51 on Oahu, which he will get and put up unless the building department becomes too big a pain. I suspect that once the building department guys meet Lee, they'll decide to give him a permit rather than put up with a lot of tsuris from a guy with all of the friends he has. From his location, the Butternut HF9V gets out pretty well, but he's still planning on getting his Yagi back up, so he doesn't have to take his carport sign down.

Actually, with the Yagi gone, “acres” is a bit of a stretch too.



When you visit Lee, as I urge you to do, especially if you've worked him, you won't have to worry about what time it is because he has a watch on each wrist, one on Hawaii time and one on Zulu.

Do you know anyone with this kind of a passion for time, And in case one on each wrist is inadequate, here's the whole collection:

Note that the watches are on the rotator box, and there's nothing to rotate! Yet.





And in case you're wondering if Lee is only a ragchewer, here's a sign in his shack, which I'd like in mine if only to remind me that there's a contest coming up and Sam has probably retreated to the beach or to San Luis Obispo or anywhere while I'm contesting.

This about says it all, doesn't it?

And finally, his car is covered with anti-establishment signs, the following being my favorite:

is this an "up yours" or what?



And that's my friend Lee. You have friends too. Why not write about them, since we probably don't know them nearly as well as you do? As they say on USA Network, Characters Welcome!

73 Lee, I'll see you on the radio! Dave, W6AQ

This is Dave's final article as our Editor. I want to express my many thanks for his help and encouragement. In the future I hope he will grace us with another article.

Steve, publisher et el.

There is a new sheriff in town. The FCC has appointed Laura Smith to take Riley Hollingsworth's former position in enforcement. From QRZ

Not DX...BUT!



One Mode Down, Two to Go! (Jan 8, 2009) -- With the advent of the ARRL's Triple Play Award, on-air participation has reached a level of excitement not seen in recent years. This new, exciting award is available to all amateurs who confirm contacts with each of the 50 states using three modes for each state: CW, phone and RTTY/digital. All 150 contacts must be made on or after the January 1, 2009 and must be confirmed via Logbook of The World (LoTW). All bands -- with the exception of 60 meters -- may be used in pursuit of the Triple Play Award.



Nominations Sought For Awards (Jan 8, 2009) -- The

nominations for its 2009 awards. Do you know an outstanding amateur in your club, community or from on-the-air contacts? Does this person excel in some phase of Amateur Radio? Do you feel this person deserves worldwide recognition? All radio amateurs are eligible. The deadline for nominations is February 18, 2009. The winners will be recognized at the 2009 Hamvention, May 15-17. Nominations may be sent via e-mail (please scan all supporting documents and send them as attachments, via fax at 937-276-6934, or US Mail to Hamvention Awards, PO Box 964, Dayton, OH 45401-0964. Nomination forms are available in either PDF format or Microsoft Word format. If you send your nomination via e-mail, the Awards Committee requests that you place your name in the subject line of the e-mail.

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MY NEXT TO LAST EDITORIAL

de W6AQ

January's editorial I called my last, so this one must be my next to last. There won't be another from me until/if I move back to Hollywood and am able once again to attend club meetings and functions, because I feel that a primary duty of the editor is to report on club activities for members who for whatever reason missed the event. Hopefully, the editorial, complete with a picture or two, will make the reader sorry that he/she missed the get-together and vow that he'll make it to the next one.

One of the joys of being editor of the BUL, as publisher Steve calls this monthly publication, is that you can write anything you want, after you've reported on the last club meeting of course. Since I didn't make it to the last meeting what I consider the editor's primary duty will have to be reported by someone who was present.

The help-wanted sign is out. EDITOR WANTED!

You'd think that with all of the people needing work, that there'd be a line around the block to grab this plum job. Don, NK6A, was set to take it but his personal circumstances changed to "unpredictable" so he had to beg off. Too bad, he'd have been good at it. So would you, for that matter.

This year's Consumer Electronics Show came and went without my presence alas, because the publication I was doing an article for, WorldRadio, folded its printed publication and I decided that I'd wait and see how the on line version of it is before spending my own money to write them an article. Maybe next year. I've gotten used to reading the BUL on line, so maybe I'll be okay with an electronic WorldRadio. It depends on how good a job WR's new owner, CQ, does keeping the tone and variety that made WR one of my favorite reads every month. Its editor, Nancy Kott, WZ8C, is continuing on, so that's a good sign.

Now for an OT as they say on the Elecraft reflector: President Obama believes that government is the answer to many problems, reversing a contrary attitude that afflicted every recent president back through Ronald Reagan. I hope our new president is right, but here's some evidence to the contrary: As you know, digital TV is (as of this writing) supposed to replace analog TV on February 17th. To ease the transition, the government gave a credit card good for partial payment of digital to analog converters so the new signals would work on the old TVs. So far so good, right?

I sent for two credit cards since I have several home TVs on my analog TV antenna. The cards came and for whatever reason, it took me a few months before I got around to buying my converters. There was no hurry I figured, because this was last fall and the conversion was 5 or 6 months away. Well, guess what! My government issued credit cards expired. I had kept them too long. Now, why would credit cards to buy a gadget that was unnecessary before February 17th 2009 expire in September of 2008? Does anybody but some faceless government bureaucrat have an answer to that?

Not to be beaten out of my rebate, I applied last week to get two new government credit cards. Guess what? The program is now out of money! Congress is scrambling around trying to re-fund the program, but with all of the other fires burning their tuckers, don't bet that they'll find a couple of bucks for digi to analog converters!

Of course, this all happened on Bush's watch, and unlike Obama, Bush thinks that government is the problem, not the solution. He's certainly right about that when it comes to digi to analog converters. Government is indeed the problem. This is just a tiny part of the mess that Obama is inheriting. All I've got to say is, "Good luck Barak

Mel - K6SY, SCDXC Membership

By-Laws of the Southern California DX Club **Article A**

Section 2. Dues shall be assessed annually and are due on December 31st.

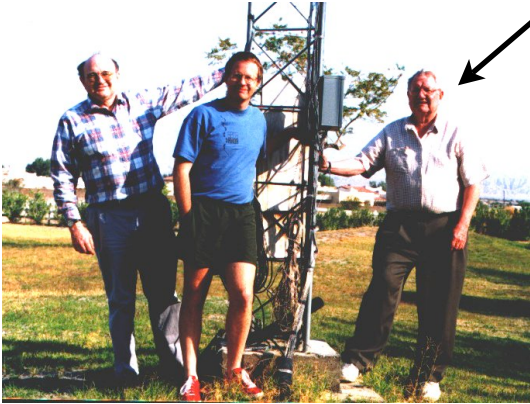
An application form is attached for your convenience. Just open it, fill it out, e- mail or print it and please mail to Mel ASAP. k6sy@scdxc.org

Mail checks to: Mel Hughes, K6SY
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Don Doughty, W6EEN, SK

an appreciation by Dave Bell, W6AQ

Whenever I think of Don I always remember the old English phrase, "Hail fellow, well met" because Don was a bigger than life character, friendlier, more outgoing, and more welcoming than almost anybody I ever met. He had the biggest antenna farm, the most radios, and more generosity in his heart than almost anyone I know.



Don loved DXing and contesting and showered the Northern California DX Foundation with support. Not only that, he loved everything about ham radio and supported the ARRL so the hobby would be sure to expand and grow and survive. He even urged other hams to do likewise, including me.

I got the contesting bug from Don and spent many happy hours in his huge, well engineered shack chasing points. But what those get-togethers were really about was camaraderie. Don loved being the host, whether for a few of us running a contest, or a huge gang from all over Southern California for a big barbecue. For several years, Don had his own hamfest, right out under the patio roof and around the pool. It wasn't unusual for 150 hams to show up. Don was always smiling.



Some folks thought that Phyllis Doughty had to put up with a lot, but to me, Phyllis always seemed to be a happy participant. One of Phyllis' good friends, Helen Luttringer, Ron, K6XC's wife, helped Phyllis in the kitchen, feeding the hungry hoard of testers who showed up with regularity to go for a clean sweep or a top ten finish. If Phyllis wasn't having a good time, she sure fooled me. Here's to you, Phyllis.

I first met Don at the International DX Convention in Visalia. I'd come into the bar of the Holiday Inn by myself and it was full of hams, as usual. A guy I'd seen but didn't know was sitting with a bunch of hams from the Northern California DX Foundation. He waved me over to an empty seat next to him. "Hi," he said, "I'm Don. What're you drinking? I told him a Saffire martini, very dry, up with a twist, and Don said, "I like that." A waitress appeared as if by magic and within a moment my drink was in front of me. I learned that night that Don's drink was a perfect Rob Roy, a concoction even more exotic than mine. I liked Don from that very first moment and I've liked him ever since. Don Doughty will live in my memory and will bring a smile to my lips for the rest of my days. Thanks Don and 73.

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE???

==> FCC COMMISSIONERS: NOW THERE ARE FOUR???

The term of FCC Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, a Republican from Tennessee, came to an end on January 3 as the 111th Congress convened for the first time. Originally selected by President Bush to fill the unexpired term of then-Chairman Michael Powell, Tate joined the Commission in 2005 <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/11/10/100/>>.

In June 2007, Bush announced his intention to nominate Tate to a full five year term <<http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7534>>, but when the Senate failed to confirm her nomination by the close of the 110th Congress, Tate's tenure as a Commissioner came to a close.

AND, Kevin Martin signs out, Julius Genachowski signs in

AND THE WINNER IS!!!

ARRL RTTY Roundup

Call: N6HC

Operator(s): N6HC

Station: N6HC

Class: Single Op HP

QTH: ORG

Operating Time (hrs): 24

Summary:

Band QSOs

80: 69

40: 429

20: 502

15: 229

10: 0

Total: 1229 State/Prov = 54 Countries = 29 Total
Score = 102,007

Club: Southern California Contest Club

Comments:

In spite of a paucity of sunspots, there was no lack of activity in this years

of the "Round-up". Every state was generously represented and there

were even a few DX stations to chase. I did miss VE4, VE5 and VE8; guess the

Canadians were watching football? WF1B software was used at this SO1R station

and there were only some minor hiccups. But I guess I'll need to graduate to

my Windows XP computer and N1MM/MMTTY for the next contest; I can't expect my

Compaq 486-50 to last indefinitely. I managed to keep my bum in the chair for

nearly 24 hours; RTTY is much much less taxing on one's stamina (and throat).

I only got one call from a neighbor regarding RFI (I ran 500 watts). They have

given up inundating me with relentless telephone calls since I just take the

receiver out of the cradle! Happy New Year to all. I look forward to many more QSOs with you in

contests over the coming year. Best regards from "The Hotel California". Arnie N6HC

From the Editor.

Rick, W6SR, sends his scores as a matter of interest to the Mother Lode DX Club. I thought it might stir up some small inter club competition. What do you think?

Received this in January

Sounds like a fine item for your shack. Thought I would pass it along. [No, I don't have an interest here.](#)

Hi,

MY NAME IS W.B. (SCOOTER) OGLESBY, KI4PQX. I HAVE A HOME BUSINESS MAKING CUSTOM CLOCKS AND WALL SIGNS. THE REASON I'M SENDING YOUR CLUB THIS E-MAIL IS TO OFFER YOU A CLOCK USING YOUR CLUB LOGO. ALSO EACH CLOCK MAY BE PERSONALIZED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND CALL SIGN. THESE CLOCKS MAKE A WELCOMED ADDITION TO ANY HAM SHACK. USUALLY I CHARGE \$25.00 FOR A HANDCRAFTED WOOD 9" OCTAGON CLOCK, \$18.00 FOR A 10" BLACK PLASTIC FRAME CLOCK AND \$15.00 FOR A 9" BLACK PLASTIC FRAME CLOCK, BUT FOR THE CLUB CLOCK I'LL GIVE A 10% DISCOUNT ON ANY SIZE ORDER AND 15% ON ANY ORDER OVER 6 CLOCKS. AS FAR AS SHIPPING, I'LL CHARGE WHATEVER IT COSTS ME TO SHIP. THERE IS NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR SET-UP OR DESIGN. I'LL EVEN SEND YOU AN IMAGE OF WHAT THE CLOCK WILL LOOK LIKE FOR YOUR APPROVAL. FOR CONTACT INFORMATION AND CHECKING OUT OUR OTHER PRODUCTS, GO TO OUR WEB SITE "WWW.OGLESBYPRODUCTIONS.COM"

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING THIS E-MAIL TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS AND MENTIONING IT IN YOUR MEETINGS.

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